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### **Montezuma Bridge Installation Work Scheduled for Aug. 18 – Sept. 5**

Periodic road closures will take effect during site preparation and bridge installation

SUMMIT COUNTY, CO — Work to install a new bridge on Montezuma Road over the Snake River is scheduled to take place Aug. 18 through Sept. 5. Periodic road closures will be necessary throughout the site preparation and bridge installation processes. Summit County has no overnight closures planned.

“During this three-week period, we’re going to do everything we can to minimize the number and duration of road closures,” Assistant County Manager Thad Noll said. “We appreciate the patience of Montezuma residents, and we all look forward to having a fantastic new bridge in place very soon.”

In early June, high water on the Snake River washed out a 45-foot section of Montezuma Road. The Summit County Road and Bridge Department installed a temporary emergency road and one-lane bridge just upstream of the washout site, re-establishing vehicle access to the Town of Montezuma.

A new 70-foot-span permanent bridge, designed and manufactured by Transpan Bridges, will be placed over the Snake River at the site of the washout, restoring vehicle travel along Montezuma Road in its pre-washout route.

The week of Aug. 18, crews will conduct site preparation, including excavation for abutments, channel cleanup and alignment. During this time, drivers can expect occasional road closures for short durations (about 10-45 minutes) to allow for the movement of equipment and materials.

Bridge installation work will take place the week of Aug. 25. Crews will transport the bridge and abutments to the site in eight pieces and are tentatively scheduled set them on **Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 27 and 28. Montezuma Road will be closed to through traffic for extended periods on these two days**, to allow crane operators to efficiently install the structures. In the days leading up to the installation, Summit County will provide more details on the timing of the closures and access opportunities for Montezuma residents.

Crews will pave the new bridge the week of Sept. 1, with a target of opening it for vehicle traffic by Sept. 6. Anticipated Montezuma Road closures for paving operations will be limited in number and short in duration.

Because of the construction activities, Summit County encourages residents and visitors to recreate in other areas in order to reduce traffic congestion and delays. To receive road information via text or email, sign up for Summit County Alert at [www.co.summit.co.us](http://www.co.summit.co.us).

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